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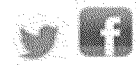
Thanks Thelma!

Regards,

Paul

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**Importance:** High

Reminder – MA + NH briefing summaries for Gina McCarthy are due to me tomorrow @ 10:00am. Thanks.

Regards,

Paul

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Greetings:

Gina may be here (MA + NH) early next week. The front office is seeking short hot issue briefing papers. Kate has started a list (based on Fall ECOS topics). Please let me know if these topics are still 'hot' and if so, update them if they have grown a bit stale. Also let me know if you have additional topics. Thanks.

Regards,

Paul

PS: Kate, thanks for mining the Fall ECOS submissions : )

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**Subject:** MA NH Hot Topics for potential administrator visit.

Good Afternoon –

The Administrator is potentially visiting both Massachusetts and New Hampshire early next week. In the spirit of being proactive, we'd like to begin the process of getting some hot topic information for each state. Final versions will be due by **Friday the 13th at Noon.**

I've started a list of issues that could be included, based on the Fall ECOS topics all of you submitted.

Those that are highlighted are ones that could use an update. If you think others should be included please add them. If some of these topics are no longer "Hot" feel free to remove them. Please give me a call if you have any questions on this.

Thank you!

-Kate

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**Massachusetts**

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negotiating language in the letter and resolution of the Rhode Island suit. CLF and CRWA have yet to respond to the Region's early October counteroffer regarding both lawsuits. The Rhode Island action is still pending, although the complaint has still not been served on EPA and the date for service has been extended until February 2016.

#### **Municipal WWTP NPDES Permitting in MA & NH (non-delegated states)**

Establishing appropriate permit limitations for excessive nutrient discharges is the focus of many upcoming MA and NH municipal WWTP NPDES permits including final permits for Brockton, South Essex Sewer District, Bridgewater, and Marion, and draft permits for West Marlboro, Westboro, Lowell, and Plymouth.

**Cape Cod TMDL-** EPA has reviewed and approved three TMDLs for nitrogen-impaired embayments on Cape Cod in 2015, subsequent to the 2014 settlement agreement between CLF and EPA.

**GE Housatonic Superfund Site -** EPA continues to work towards issuing its permit for the cleanup of the Housatonic River, the next step is to release EPA's intended final decision to GE this fall.

**Nuclear Metals – Acton water Supply issue – 1-4 Dioxane**

#### **New Hampshire –**

**New Hampshire MS4 Permitting** -Region 1 EPA is currently reviewing responding comments received on the draft NPDES general permit ~~to be re-issued in August to cover~~ for stormwater discharges from municipalities in NH. Based on significant changes to the draft permit based on comments received, Region 1 re-public noticed specific sections of the draft permit. This second public notice period closed on November 2, 2015. Region 1 will review and responds to the additional comments and expects a final permit in 2016.

**PSNH Bow Merrimack Station NPDES Permit** -Region 1 EPA is working to issue a final NPDES for Merrimack Station, a coal-fired 478 megawatts (MW) facility in Bow, NH, by the end of the calendar year to address multiple issues including the withdraw of once-through cooling water, thermal discharges and the discharge of wastewater from a new flue gas desulfurization (FGD) unit.

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